(b) whether it is also a fact that these candidates were not paid the travelling allowance as stipulated in the employment notice;

(c) if so, why these candidates were allowed to appear for the written test when they were found to ineligible and also were called for interview even though they specially mentioned in their applications that their results would be declared in July, 1989; and

(d) whether Government will interview these candidates even now and pay them the travelling allowance and select them according to merit subject to their eligibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (d) At the time of inviting the applications the Oil and Natural Gas Commission made it clear that though candidates who were in the final semester/term of the qualifying examination on the closing date for applications might also apply, their candidature would depend upon their obtaining the division/percentage of marks prescribed for different posts.

The candidates who were called for the interview were also advised that in the event of their not fulfilling the qualifications or meeting the physical standards as per the advertisement, they would neither be interviewed nor be paid any travelling allowance. Accordingly, some of the candidates who came for the interview either without proof of having the requisite qualifications or did not meet the requisite physical standards were not interviewed and not paid travelling allowance.

ONGC have decided to accord a fresh chance for interview in July, 1989 to such of those candidates who can produce proof that they have necessary qualifications. Such candidates will be paid travelling allowance for attending the interviews.

**Licences for setting up of industries**

1410. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of licences given for setting up industries in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the progress so far made by these industries State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The table below indicates the number of industrial licences granted during the financial years 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 (April '88 to Feb. 89) for setting up of industries in the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu:—

| State | No. of industrial licences granted during | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1985-86 | 1986-87 | 1987-88 | 1988-89 (April'88 to Feb.'89) |
| Maharashtra | 135 | 95 | 80 | 78 |
| Karnataka | 63 | 43 | 37 | 34 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 76 | 64 | 32 | 27 |
| Gujarat | 73 | 77 | 41 | 33 |
| West Bengal | 43 | 24 | 23 | 18 |
| Tamil Nadu | 165 | 60 | 27 | 35 |

(b) Monitoring of the progress of implementation of industrial licences issued is done by the State Government concerned and the Ministry/Department administratively concerned with the industry in question in the Central Government.

**Taking over of Hindustan Pilkington Glass Works, Asansol**

1411. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to nationalise/take-over the Hindustan Pilkington Glass Works of Asansol; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The unit has an accumulated loss of the order of Rs. 16.00 crores against a paid-up capital of Rs. 2.12 crores and reserves of Rs. 0.51 crores. The outstandings of Banks and financial institutions are around Rs. 10.00 crores. The lead bank has instituted legal proceedings and an official liquidator has been appointed.

Having regard to all the circumstances, Government do not consider it appropriate to intervene in these proceedings.

**Kerosene quota for States fixed by the Central Government**

1412. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is quota fixed by Central Government for different States for allotment of kerosene during the last three years, year-wise and Statewise;

(b) what is the actual supply made to the States during the same period, Statewise and year-wise;

(c) whether any State Government requested for more quota;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (e) The kerosene requirements of the States and UTs are assessed by allowing a suitable growth rate over the allocations made in the corresponding period of the previous year, and allocations are made accordingly. Besides the regular allocations ad-hoc releases are also given to meet specific situations like floods, drought, shortage of LPG, etc.

Allocations to States and Union Territories during the last three years were made in accordance with the above policy. Some of the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations had requested for additional allocations. These were considered and additional ad-hoc allocations, as feasible, were given.

A statement indicating the regular allocations, additional ad-hoc allocations, and releases made during the years 1986, 1987 and 1988 is attached. [*See* Appending CL, Annexure No. 68.]

**Drilling operations by ONGC at Bantumilli and Diviseema areas of Andhra Pradesh**

1413. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM and NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the drilling operations by Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) have been stopped at Bantumilli and Diviseema areas of Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?